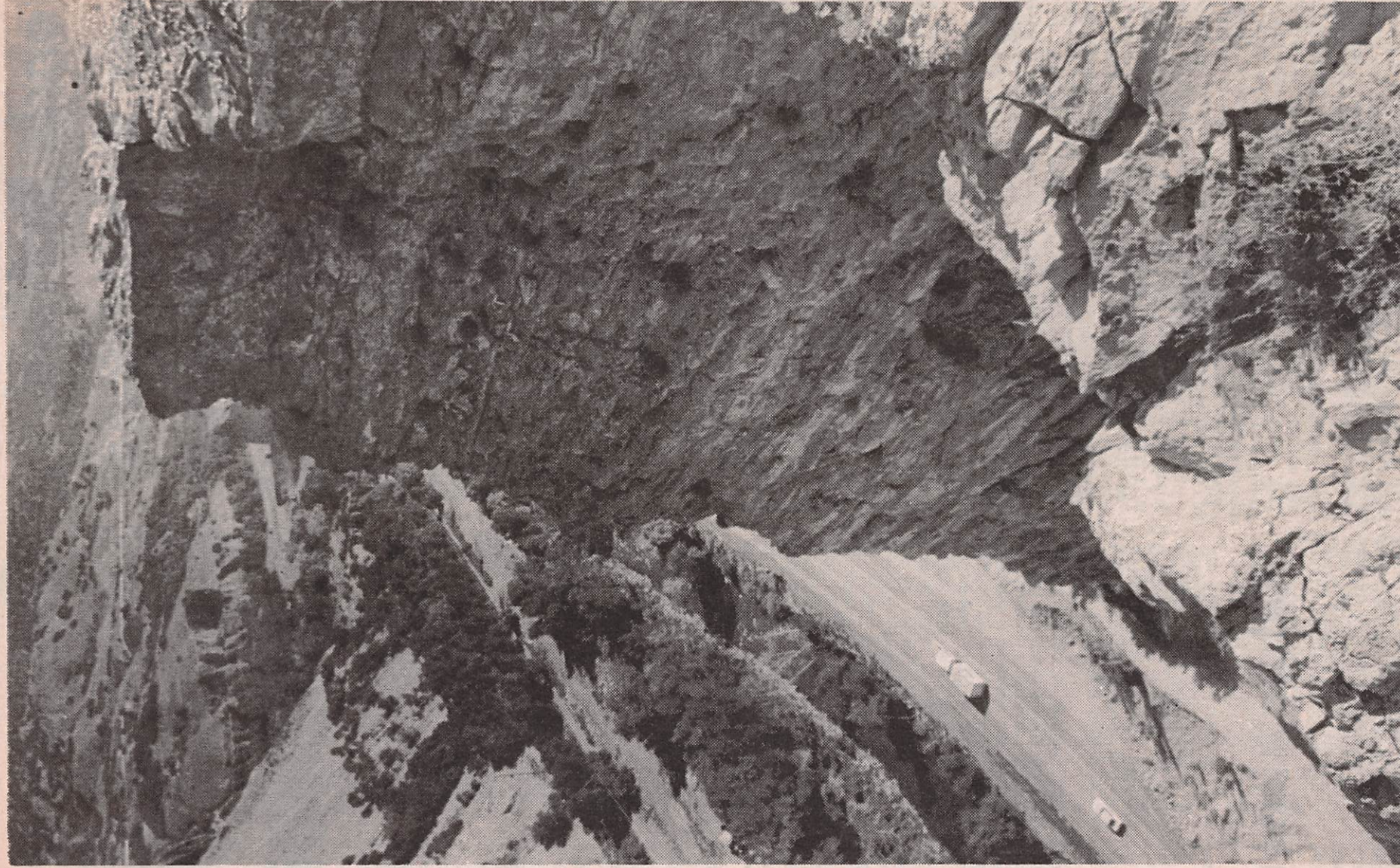


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High canyon vantage point size shows massive dimension of cliff to be blasted.

Friends Baffled Over Accusations Against Laffertys

By VICKI BARKER
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People who knew the Lafferty family when they were part of the Utah Valley community mainly in Salem, Orem and High-land are still baffled by the double-murder charges the two now

are charged with. Dan and Dan Lafferty both served missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They were family men with jobs. Dan helped with his dad's Provo chiropractic clinic; Ron was in construction. They got involved in politics and were known as dedicated men with leadership abilities.

Lafferty delivered his first babies at home when they were in Salem, and helped his children at home. Lafferty was an admired member of the Highland City Council. Both were high priests in the LDS church.

Acquaintances and relatives of the two came under negative influences when they began to follow what they call splinter groups of the LDS Church that espouse fundamentalist concepts of polygamy and extreme interpretations of the U.S. constitution.

Their goal in life was to take the earth, and they did not want anything to get in their way, recalled Kent Hansen, president of the Spanish Fork Stake at the time Dan Lafferty was excommunicated.

Initially, polygamy was really the minor things," according to Hansen. He said the main problems arose from Dan Lafferty's zeal in opposing "any law that wasn't in the constitution."

Hansen speculates that death of the Laffertys' father last fall led to what must have been emotional agitation over divorces of their first wives and separation from the church.

Their father kind of held them back," Hansen said.

Member of the Highland ward that Ronald Lafferty attended, Lowell Nelson said the 42-year-old former city councilman "just reversed himself" after excommunication from the church.

the city council. The kids loved him. But he just started doing weird things — he had kind of an outspoken nature on polygamy areas. He was involved in anti-Mormon stuff," Nelson said. "I've never understood what his attitude was."

A woman who got to know Dan well during chiropractic clinic visits in 1982 saw a change in Dan after he served a jail term for resisting arrest and injuring a police officer.

"I think those things affect people; something starts snapping," she said.

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"He was so sincere and trying so hard to help people see they should know their rights."

Dan's former chiropractic patient was treated for nearly a year, and listened at length to his views about the Constitution.

"He took definite stands on things — so many people don't. He was extremely supportive of the Constitution. He would just talk and talk and talk, and then say 'I can't charge you for this time; I've talked too much,'" she said.

"Dan took everything very seriously," the woman continued. "He talked a bit about the LDS priesthood and church-oriented things, but he never put anybody down. He was always supportive and dedicated."

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Geneva

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Geneva managers confirm that production will slow down at U.S. Steel Geneva Works for the next couple of months, but the same sources say no "massive" layoffs are being planned.

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If only one tire had been shot out the tire could have been changed quickly and would not have done the trick. However, she denied wanting her father killed. "I don't want my Dad hurt."

Patty told prosecuting attorney Eyre she and Roger had discussed the plan to shoot out two tires on the Mann vehicle May 26 on their way back from an outing to Cherry Hills with Midgley's family.

"He was going to use the .22 (caliber handgun) and just in case it didn't work he was going to use the bigger gun (30.06 caliber rifle)," explained Miss Mann. She told the court she knew the rifle would kill a human but did not think the handgun would in spite of the fact she had shot a small gun several times. "I didn't think it would kill anything bigger than a rabbit," she said.

"We weren't thinking of the consequences."

She said the pair had first considered shooting at the car from a point two miles further east but it was on a curve near a bridge and they feared the car might go down the steep embankment and her father might be hurt.

Patty and Roger settled on a hillside and waited for the car to come along the road. "When we saw the car Roger started shooting the .22 and it didn't do anything at all so he changed to the bigger gun," said Patty.

Heber Airpo

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — The Utah Transportation Commission has allocated \$102,500 to airport improvement projects in Heber City, Logan and Roosevelt.

The commission approved \$55,000 in state funds for a \$1.1 million project to rebuild the main runway at the Logan-Cache Airport and realign the runway's

NEWSLINE:

Utah County

Provo Canyon to close for road-widening blasts

PROVO — Provo Canyon will be closed for at least four hours Monday.

Utah Department of Transportation district 6 director C.V. Anderson said crews working to widen the canyon road will be blasting at the mouth of the canyon starting at 8:30 a.m.

The canyon will be closed at least from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. while crews clear up the blasting area.

"We have a huge rock piece that needs to come down and we don't know what will happen when we blast it," he said. "For sure we will close the canyon at 8:30 a.m. and we have no idea how long it will be closed."

The canyon project includes widening Eighth North from State Street to Sixth East.

As part of the first phase of the project, a cloverleaf-like interchange is being constructed at the mouth of Provo Canyon Road.

The intersection will be free-flowing and will consist of two elevated bridges over the Provo River where Eighth North meets Provo Canyon. One structure will handle traffic to and from Provo Canyon off and onto Eighth North. The second will be for traffic turning off of Eighth North and heading south on Provo Canyon Road.

Utah County deaths

John L. Armstrong

OREM — John LeLand Armstrong, 22, died Aug. 8, 1984, in a Reno, Nev., hospital, of head injuries suffered in an early morning truck accident near Winnemucca, Nev. He was born April 30, 1962, in Tuscon, Ariz., a son of Dr. James H. Armstrong and Georgie Velma Synder Armstrong Herring.

He graduated from Orem High School in 1980. After several jobs he worked as a coal miner with the Plateau Mining Co. near Price. After layoffs in the mining industry he became an apprentice steam fitter in Nevada. He was employed in the construction of a power plant near Winnemucca.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Herring, Orem; Dr. and Mrs. James R. Armstrong, Price; two brothers and three sisters, James R. Armstrong and H. Dice Armstrong, Concord, Calif.; Mrs. Craig (Jane) Holdaway, Orem; Nina and Angela Armstrong, Price; 18 step-brothers and step-sisters; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dice S. Armstrong, Orem.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m.

Thelma

PROVO — 78, died Aug. 7, 1984. She was born June 18, 1906, in Grove, a daughter of Mary Jane and Burton H. Herring. She married Burton H. Herring May 18, 1928, in the May 31, 1983.

She attended schools. She attended University and University of teaching degree. She owned the School in Provo.

She was a member of Jesus Christ of Oakhills 7th V. ganist and cho. er in the Sund. ciety for mos. member of th. for 50 years.

She is survived by daughters, Ri. Lake City, Mr. liams, Portla. (Mary Helen) children; 11 g. brothers and. Ford West a. Thorne. Please